Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) includes availability of 50 acres of representatives cultivable land in one stretch located as far as possible in central part of the districts, availability of basic civic facilities, adequate technical backstopping from the host institution and acceptance of funding pattern.

(b) and (c) For selecting the location of a KVK based on the proposals received from various organisations including those recommended by Hon'ble Member(s) of Parliament, I.C.A.R constitutes an Expert Team consisting of an eminent scientist as the Chairman and concerned Director of Extension Education of State Agriculture University, a Representative of State Department of Agriculture and Zonal Coordinator of the Zone as Members. A senior officer from the Council's Head Quarters serves as Member-Secretary of the Team. Based on the recommendations made by the Team, the Council takes a final view on the suitability of site for location of a KVK.

**Import Policy of Rifampicin**

1016. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the meeting by his Secretary to decide the import policy of Rifampicin/Rifa-S converters voiced their concern for high prices charged by the basic producers with the support of the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of the points raised in converters at the said meeting;

(c) if so, the steps taken to investigate the matter and fix the responsibility in this regard;

(d) whether in this process crores of rupees have been overcharged from the poor T.B. patients; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) The point raised by the converters in the meeting was that if they purchase domestically produced Rifa-S, an intermediate, for conversion into Rifampicin, they would not be able to compete with the indigenous manufacturers. Concern about overcharging was not voiced in the meeting.

(d) No complaint of overcharging from T.B. patients in respect of Rifampicin has been received so far.

(e) Does not arise.

**Strengthening of Terrorism Act**

1017. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to enact a law to deal with the problem of terrorism to fill the vacuum created by the lapse of the Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987; and

(b) if so, the manner in which the Government propose to deal with the problem of terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) The erstwhile Terrorists and Disruptive Activities Act, 1987 whose constitutionality was upheld by the hon'ble Supreme Court was allowed to lapse in May, 1995 because of the criticism that some of its provisions were allegedly misused. After detailed discussions with various State Governments and leaders of Political parties, Criminal Law Amendment Bill which sought to fill in the vacuum created by TADA was introduced in Rajya Sabha in May '95 and the same is pending in the House. The Bill broadly seeks to strike a balance between Human Right concerns and the requirement to combat terrorism. Government would like to hold wider consultations on the various provisions of the above bill before moving for its consideration by the Parliament. In absence of a specific legislation dealing with terrorist offences, relevant provisions of Indian Penal code are being used.

*[Translation]*

**Cultivation of Sun Flower in Bihar**

1018. SHRI MAHABIR LAL BISHVAKARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme for the cultivation of Sun flower in Hajaribagh, Palamau and Chatra districts of South Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the other agricultural products proposed to be encouraged by the Government for the development of agriculture in these areas;

(d) the amount spent on the development of agriculture in these areas during each of the last three years, till-date;

(e) whether the Government propose to provide any special facility to the said areas due to their backwardness in the agriculture; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal to formulate any special scheme for the cultivation of sunflower in Hajaribagh, Palamau and Chatra districts of South Bihar. However a Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) which covers groundnut, sunflower, sesamum, safflower, soyabean, niger, castor and linseed is in implementation in 25 selected districts including Hajaribagh and Palamau in the State of Bihar.

(c) The other agricultural development schemes in operation are Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) covering soyabean in Hajaribagh and Palamau, Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice based cropping system (ICDP-Rice) in Palamau, Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP) in Hajaribagh and Palamau and Sustainable Development of Sugarcane based cropping system in Hajaribagh and Palamau.

(d) The district-wise expenditure on the agricultural development schemes in operation, is not compiled but compiled for the State as a whole.

(e) and (f) There is no proposal to provide any special facility to the district of Hajaribagh, Palamau and Chatra in Bihar.

**Sugar Mills in Uttar Pradesh**

1019. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of sugarcane produced in Uttar Pradesh particularly in Western Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of sugar mills in the public and private sector particularly in Western Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether the number of sugar mills functioning is commensurate with the total production of sugarcane in the State;

(d) if not, whether the Government propose to issue more licences for setting up of sugar mills in the State;

(e) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(f) whether the Government have received requests in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) The total quantities of sugarcane produced in the entire State of Uttar Pradesh and in Western Uttar Pradesh during the last three sugar years (Oct.—Sept.):—

| S.No. | Sugar year | Total Sugarcane production in the entire State of Uttar Pradesh (Lakh tonnes) | Total Sugarcane production in Western Uttar Pradesh (Lakh tonnes) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1993-94 | 1099.93 | 419.16 |
| 2. | 1994-95 | 1228.39 | 436.54 |
| 3. | 1995-96 | 1437.12 | 473.42 |

(b) As on 30.6.97, there were 27 installed sugar mills in the Western Uttar Pradesh. Of these, 7 are in the public sector and 14 in private sector.

(c) to (e) During the last three years, the percentage drawal of sugarcane by the sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh State was in the range of 27.9 to 41.9. Besides, about 10 to 12% of sugarcane is utilised for seed and chewing purposes. Keeping in view the surplus availability of sugarcane, the Govt. of India have already issued 48 letters of intent for setting up of new sugar factories and 90 letters of intent for expansion in existing units.

(f) and (g) As on 30.6.97, 73 proposals received for establishment of new sugar factories from the State of Uttar Pradesh were pending consideration. These cases are being processed by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.

*[English]*

**Complaints Against Centre State Farm, Hissar**

1020. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding Centre State Farm at Hissar in Haryana;